

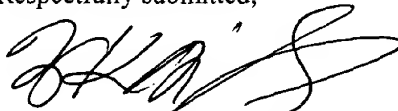


Applicants therefore request that the Examiner reconsider the Restriction Requirement and include Claims 5-18 in Group I for further prosecution in this case.

The Restriction Requirement characterizes the Group I claims as "drawn to a leather product." Applicants wish to clarify that Claims 1-4 are not limited to manufactured leather or leather products. Rather, Claims 1-4 are drawn to any type of electroprocessed collagen, irrespective of whether it is a leather product.

This Response to the Restriction Requirement is fully responsive and timely filed in view of the concurrently filed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the required fee. No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing remarks such action is courteously solicited. Applicants further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if any questions arise concerning this Response to the Restriction Requirement. The telephone number for the undersigned attorney is (404) 745-2494.

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